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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

"FEMA" (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is now a reality, complete with an "Acting Director" (Gordon Vickery--retired Chief of the Seattle Fire Department who has been a consultant to the U.S. Fire Administration since last December). However, only two of the five existing agencies have actually been combined--The Federal Insurance Administration and The National Fire Prevention & Control Administration.

Indications are that DCPA, FDAA and FPA will not officially become part of FEMA until sometime in July or August.

It is still too soon to tell what affect the Federal reorganization will have on you at the local level. Money-wise, the 1980 FY still doesn't look that great! There are two National budget figures being tossed around--the President's request at \$108.6M and \$138M in a Bill being passed by the House Armed Services Committee.

Both budgets authorize the "same" amount for the P&A Program (Montana's share may still be short an estimated \$52,000) and the "same" amount for maintenance and recurring charge project applications. The main difference is that the President's budget does not include any funding in FY80 for EOC construction or support materials (such as sirens, communications and EOC equipment).

Statistics show that after 15 years and over \$100 million in matching funds, the U.S. still does not have a "nationwide direction and control system". EOCs have been built and pieces of communications systems provided in a hodge-podge pattern. Therefore, National DCPA has taken a stand to get away from this "tiny, ineffectual supporting materials matching funds program" by diverting all available funding from FY80 EOC and Support Materials Programs to provide 100% Federal funding of EOCs at critical locations, until a nationwide EOC network is developed.

I can't honestly say that I disagree with National DCPA's concept, but I certainly disagree with their methods! Our EOC and Support Materials Programs at the local level may seem "tiny and ineffectual" to the powers that be, but we can proudly say that the locals have at least kept going in a forward manner to become better equipped to handle disasters, while the Federal government can't decide which is the right road to travel--so they start one program, drop it, and start another!

Let's hope that the \$138M House Bill succeeds. Then Tirana can start his nationwide D&C system and you'll still have money to keep plugging at your's (and with any kind of luck, maybe we'll even get P&A increased).

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

BROADWATER COUNTY

Lloyd Heberle, DES Director for Broadwater County since June 27, 1966, has forwarded information to the State Office of his plans to retire in the "very near future". (Actual date determined by the training he wants his replacement to receive--which he hopes can be accomplished sometime this summer.) Lloyd does plan to continue for a while as Communication's Officer for the County.

CUSTER COUNTY

Hazardous Materials can pop-up anywhere, compounding an already critical situation. Realizing this, Dale Laney, DES Director and Chairman of the Planning Committee for a simulated community disaster, simulated a transport truck carrying "unknown" cargo, skidding into a busload of forty students to exercise his medical plans.

Hospital personnel were not only faced with treating a large number of accident victims, but also with another problem--decontamination and treatment of patients exposed to a dangerous pesticide and how to prevent others in the hospital from becoming contaminated.

Medical personnel in Miles City should now be better prepared the day the situation becomes an "actual experience" instead of an "exercise scenario".

GALLATIN COUNTY

On February 22, 1979, DES Director, Hank Wruck, along with members of various emergency service organizations in Gallatin County, participated in a "test" of a Table-Top Exercise on Airport Disaster Planning which is being developed by DCPA and FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

A change in FAA regulations is being proposed which would require an annual exercise of airport plans, much the same as many hospitals must follow. Combining these tests into one community exercise can prove very beneficial to total disaster response in the area.

Once developed and tested, the new Table-Top Exercise will be printed and distributed for use of other certified airports. Each airport manager needing this annual exercise, will take the lead in scheduling and conducting the exercise with the cooperation of the local CD/DES director. (Civil Preparedness Circular 78-2 dated 1/31/78, outlines the role of a local CD/DES Director in airport disaster planning.)

GRANITE COUNTY

The Drummond Rural Fire Department is looking for a couple of large steel boxes to weld together for use as a water tank which will then be fitted on a 2½ ton 6x6 truck. Or, if you have a water tank, which will hold 1500-2000 gallons, so much the better.

Contact George DeWolf, State Office (449-3034) or Bill Thomas, Missoula (243-4152) if you can help locate something of this nature.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE (continued)

RAVALLI COUNTY

The individuals that a director selects to assist him in his disaster preparedness efforts can often "make" or "break" a program! This was vividly pointed out recently in Ravalli County, when an emergency situation occurred--but there was no director to handle it!

Fortunately, Margaret Sullivan, who retired as Ravalli County Director on 9/30/78, left behind an organization capable of acting during an emergency.

With temperatures near 20 below, the prompt reaction and accurate assessments made by Margaret's Public Information Officer (PIO), William L. Jellison, during a power outage in the Bitter Root Valley in January, was certainly a credit to her.

Every director "needs" a PIO who knows his job and does it well--without being asked!

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The new director of Ravalli County DES (effective 2/1/79), John Vugteveen, has six years of civil defense experience to draw upon.

John has lived in Stevensville for the past five years, but prior to that, he assisted in setting up a communication's center in Ottawa County, Michigan and then coordinated the center's work.

John is a field engineer with the IBM Company, and will work part-time coordinating the CD/DES program in Ravalli County.

ROSEBUD COUNTY

Having been without a director since September 1977, the County Commissioners have now appointed John Shorthill to work full-time in the emergency field in Rosebud County (effective 1/2/79).

John comes from the Clyde Park area where he worked with the Park County DES Director, Mike Fleming, to obtain a Quick Response Unit for the Shields Valley. He also instructed Red Cross First Aid, CPR classes for area residents, and was secretary of the Clyde Park Fire Department.

Mike Fleming was sorry to see such an active person leave his area, but is happy to welcome John into the CD/DES Organization.

BUTTE/SILVER BOW COUNTY

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the fall of 1977, we reported that Butte/Silver Bow would soon have a "911 Emergency Dial System" to facilitate speedier handling of emergency calls.

Thanks to DES Director Wilma Puich's perseverance, we're now happy to report that about May 15, 1979, people in Butte who are trying to get help in an emergency will have to remember to dial only three simple digits: 9-1-1.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE (continued)

TOOLE COUNTY

Al Klingler, Toole County DES Director and secretary/treasurer of the Toole County Search & Rescue Organization was instrumental in setting up a "Mini-Seminar" on Hypothermia recently in Shelby.

The seminar was attended by about 230 people, who learned from Peter Fuhrman of the Baniff Park Mountain Rescue how hypothermia "can" kill you!!

WELCOME ABOARD

Robert Busenbark.....Effective 1/2/79.....Director.....Petroleum County
Floyd Irion.....Effective 1/8/79.....Director.....Powder River County
John Vugteveen.....Effective 2/1/79.....Director.....Ravalli County
John Shorthill.....Effective 1/2/79.....Director.....Rosebud County

REGION SIX - PHASE I & II

The final Phase II Class to be held at the Regional level during the 79FY is scheduled for May 7-18, 1979 in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact the State Office for more information.

Remember, travel and per diem for attendance at the Phase Courses held within the Region are reimbursed "in full".

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PHASE I - February 6-16, 1979

Pictured left to right...

The new Teton Co. Director, Everett Beers, is shown here with Bradley Frandson (Disaster Preparedness NCO for Air Defense Command, Malmstrom AFB) and Bruce McCallum (Deputy Director - Blaine Co.) during the recent two-week civil preparedness course held in Colorado Springs.

ADVANCED SEMINAR FOR LOCAL DIRECTORS
February 15-16, 1979

The Advanced Seminar (which was held in conjunction with the Governor's Conference for County Commissioners) concentrated on hazardous materials -- awareness, response and local planning.

PEOPLE AND "FACES"...Attending the Advanced Seminar:



Dick Giffin-Lake Co.



*Rodney Keith
Liberty Co.*



*Bob Hite - DCPA, Region Six
Denver*



*Ken Beven
Yellowstone Co.*

*Gail Pilcher
State Office*

*Jack Bacon
State Office*



*Mary & Les Moore
Richland Co.*

*Gloria Heggen
Carter Co.*

...Some more of the forty-three who attended the Advanced Seminar:



*Ed Swetish
State Office*



*Billie H. Wallace
Glacier Co.*



*Rick Leavell
Missoula Co.*



*Burdick Stone
Madison Co.*



*Al Klingler
Toole Co.*



*Gil Wethern
Chouteau Co.*

MONTANA ASSN. OF DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATORS
 1979 "Western Roundup" Banquet
 February 15, 1979

Enjoying the annual banquet and its "Western Roundup" theme, were many local coordinators and state staff personnel.

A "Western Installation" ceremony was held, installing the following association officers for 1979:



..."Taking the reins" to lead the Assn. in its 1979 activities is James L. Kraft, President. (Yellowstone County DES Director)

..."An all around cowboy" and "side-kick" of the President is Kim Potter, the new President Elect (Flathead County DES Director)

..."Chief" of the association in all its secretarial responsibilities, Wilma Puich was installed as Secretary.

...Receiving a "pistol" as a token to help him "protect" the Association's funds, Jim DeTienne will take over the duties as Treasurer. (Sheridan County DES Director--not pictured)

Standing ready and waiting to "lasso" the members of their Districts into active membership in the Association are the newly elected District Vice-Presidents:

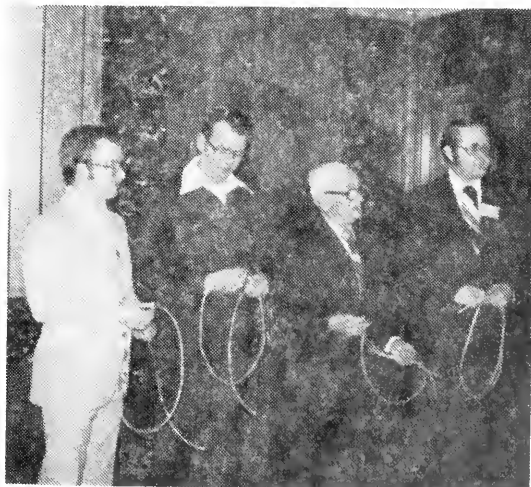
(Pictured left to right)

Bob Smeltzer.....District #4

Norm Parrent.....District #3
 (Norm Dewell accepted for Parrent)

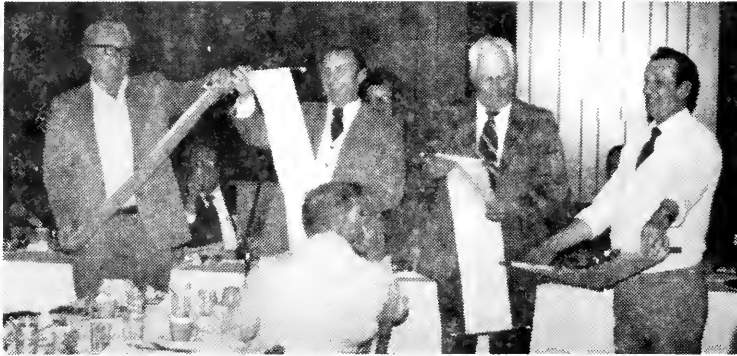
Frank Frankovich.....District #2

Dick Giffin.....District #1



"BANQUET" continued...

Receiving one of the many "humorous" awards presented by Wilma Puich during this year's banquet, Jack Bacon, George DeWolf, Joe Hickey and Roy Ryan from the State staff are shown below with their award for *"Contributing to the Delinquency of Locals"*.



To the enjoyment of all, "Mr. Magic", Mike Fleming (Park County DES Director) entertained the group with a special magic show to conclude this year's banquet festivities.

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"PRESIDENT'S AWARD" Presented to Wilma Puich:

Each year during the Annual Association Meeting, all those present vote by secret ballot for the member they feel has contributed the most to the Association and the over-all Civil Defense Program during the preceding year.

Wilma Puich, Butte/Silver Bow DES Director and second term secretary of the Montana Assn. of DES Directors, is this year's recipient.

The winner of the President's Award also becomes the State's nominee for the Christopher Award presented by the United States Civil Defense Council (USCDC).

UNITED STATES CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL (USCDC)

Three Montanans On National Committees:

USCDC President, John M. Rodgers, has selected the following Montana Directors to serve on his 1979 committees:

Kim Potter, Flathead County.....Excess/Surplus Committee
Frank Frankovich, Judith Basin County.....Nominations Committee
William E. Murray, Cascade County.....Training & Education

TWELFTH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

County Commissioners and local CD/DES Coordinators from all but seven of Montana's counties, were not only "greeted" by "Gil" Gilbertson, Administrator of the State Disaster & Emergency Service Division, but also by a severe blizzard as they attended our annual event on February 14, 1979.

Fortunately, the storm, which closed most highways into Helena, hit during the night--after most participants had arrived.

They themselves almost disaster victims (with blowing snow and temperatures below zero), participants listened intently to Dr. Thomas E. Drabek, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Denver, as he presented research findings on public responses in natural disaster situations.



The group was informed that research has shown that populations do not panic, despite fears that they will. Initial reaction is disbelief--then, most Americans act--they don't wait for officials. Victims will go to the "nearest" help, regardless of whether that "help" is ready to receive them. There are heroes, and a utopian mood--with everyone working together--a period that might be call "organized-disorganization", and disaster personnel must be ready to coordinate disaster efforts under these traumatic conditions!

"Rescue in a Hazardous Materials Environment" was the topic of Kim Potter's presentation (Flathead County DES Director), which followed Governor Judge's luncheon address to the Commissioners.



It may have been miserable outdoors, but indoors, spirits were high, the food was good, and one hundred sixty-four "hearty" Commissioners, Directors and guests, topped off the conference with an evening banquet, thus concluding the day's activities.

WARNEX 79-1

Congratulations! You all came through like a trooper! We had 100% return of critique sheets on the WARNEX exercise held on March 7, 1979.

The Warning Program offers the potential for saving more lives than any other program in civil preparedness. Under the Law, the warning program may be one of the greatest responsibilities assigned to the States and their political subdivisions. Only by reviewing the results of our exercises so that an analysis can be made that shows strengths and weaknesses, can we hope to increase our warning capability. Without the critique sheets, this analysis cannot be made.

LOCAL TORNADO EXERCISE AVAILABLE

A "Do It Yourself" Tornado Exercise for local government has been developed by DCPA Region Six and is available upon request. Please contact George DeWolf at the State Office for more information.

MONTANA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM

The state of Montana now has a statewide poison control system. There is one, toll-free WATS number (1-800-525-5042) through which health professionals and the public are able to obtain complete information and advice about any type of poisoning on an around-the-clock basis.

Initial treatment information will be given over the phone and, if further treatment is necessary, people will be referred to a physician or the nearest hospital. The patient's physician will be notified about the care and the information given. Follow-up calls will be made by the Poison Control Center.

A limited number of telephone stickers listing the toll-free number are available through the Emergency Medical Services Bureau upon request. If you should wish to obtain large quantities of these or have any other questions concerning the new statewide Poison System please call Ann Wells at 449-3895 in Helena.

STATE STAFF UPDATES

That pleasant voice you hear when you call the State Office belongs to Moneisa Magnuson, whom many of you met during the Advanced Seminar.

In addition, the State Office welcomes two brand new staff members to fill the positions recently vacated by Peggy Naegele and Cathy Sahinen. Dianne Keller has been hired to handle the local P&A Program billings and excess property paperwork. In her secretarial capacity, Marlys Cain will handle our film library and ordering of publications for the local organizations.

Roy Ryan, Training Officer for the State Office, is coming along great after having open heart surgery in Salt Lake City on March 29, 1979. We understand that Roy is scheduled to return to Helena on April 8th to complete his recovery. We don't really know yet how long it will be before Roy is allowed to come back to work.

RADEF NEWS

RADEF MAIL-OUT EXERCISE:

"Where oh where"...are the results of the "Mail-Out Exercise" for your RADEF monitors that was sent to you in January? It's been almost three months and we've had a very poor return.

Putting it bluntly...are they not being returned because you haven't made the effort to get them out? Are you monitors not interested enough to follow through? Or do you feel that the exercise is a waste of time?

We'd really like to hear from you. The results we've had so far doesn't warrant the time and money that went into it!

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Oh the woes of "long distance" responses! On March 5, 1979, forms for recording results of the "operability tests" on the shelter and monitoring kits in each county were mailed out. Just a reminder that prompt return of these forms is important.

We'd also appreciate receiving an updated list of your RACES staff and your monitors.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS "DO IT YOURSELF" COURSE

The State Office has acquired two sets of the course entitled "Handling Hazardous Materials Transportation Emergencies" which was developed by the National Fire Protection Association. Each course comes complete with slides and instructor's manual and is available on a loan basis. Please contact the State Office for further information.

QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

April 17-18.....	2 Day Hazardous Materials Course - Billings
April 23-May 4....	Phase II - Battle Creek, Michigan
May 7-18.....	Phase II - Colorado Springs, CO.
* May 7-11.....	RDO Basic - Livingston
May 22-23.....	2 Day Hazardous Materials Course - Havre
June 5.....	4 hour Hazardous Materials Course - Wolf Point
June 6.....	" " " " - Glasgow
June 7.....	" " " " - Malta
* June 26.....	" " " " - Glendive
* June 27.....	" " " " - Baker
* June 28.....	" " " " - Forsyth
June 18-29.....	Phase IV - Battle Creek, Michigan

*Please note that dates for these courses have been changed from that shown in the last Newsletter.

BOMB THREATS--ARE YOU READY?

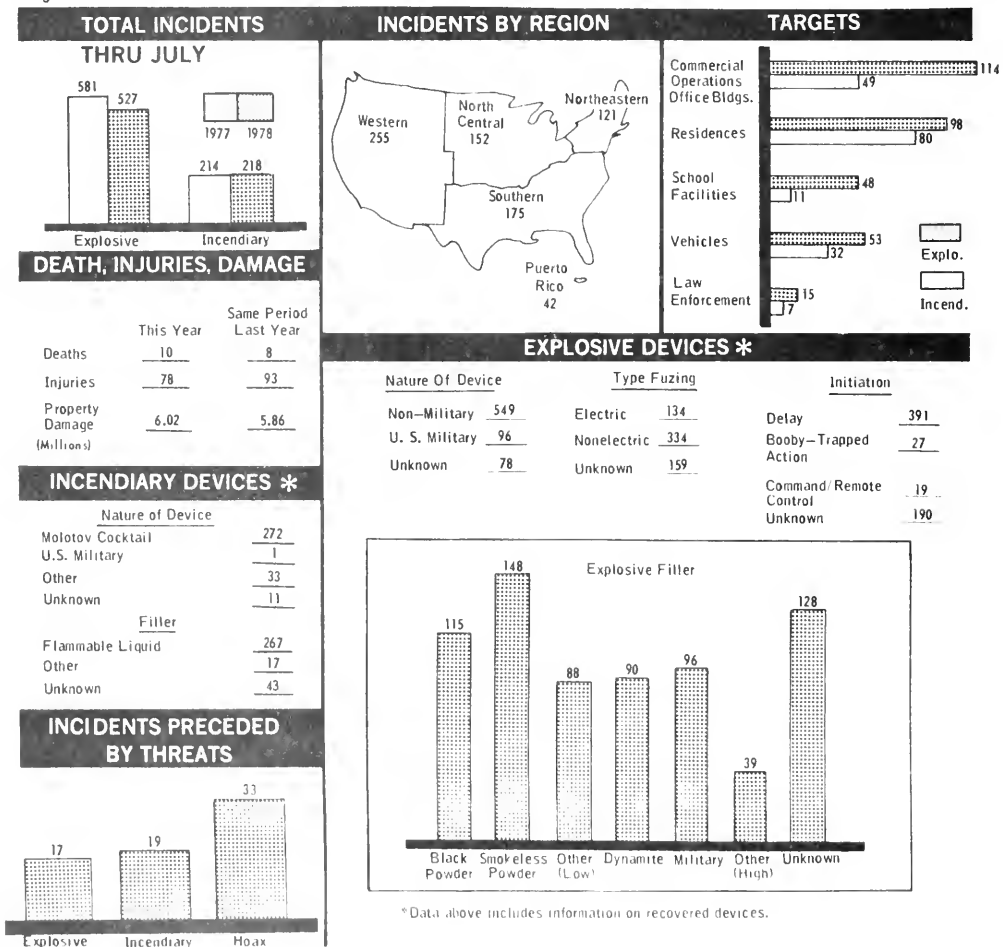
As a citizen or even as a CD/DES director, you may not be aware of the bomb threats that maybe occurring in your community. The fact that these "threats" can become an "actual" or "attempted" bombing incident should be of real concern to those of us in the disaster and emergency service field.

If you think it only happens back East or in the big cities, think again! The FBI's incident summary sheet for the month of July 1978, shows that there were 119 actual and attempted bombing incidents reported during that month, of which two were in Montana:

KalisPELL, MT - A hoax device was recovered

Laurel, MT - A pipe bomb exploded outside of a district police station.

The following is a summary of the total incidents reported from January through July 1978:



POSSIBLE VENDORS: SIRENS

As a result of a Federal Trade Commission investigation which showed that one siren manufacturer was participating in a number of prohibited trade practices with specific reference to civil defense warning systems, DCPA has been requested to monitor all project applications for warning equipment to assure that procurement was made on a competitive basis as required by Federal grant program standards.

Therefore the following manufacturers of sirens should be advised of your planned procurement in time to participate in the bidding. The list is not offered as being complete and notices should also be sent to any other siren manufacturers of which you have knowledge.

B&M Siren Manufacturing Co.
849 E. 6th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Biersach & Niedermeyer Co.
6603 Donges Bay Road
Mequon, WI 53092

North American Signal Co.
4000 W. Schubert St.
Chicago, IL 60639
Tel: (312) 278-5151

Technical International Corp
1181 Chess Drive - Building A
Forest City, CA 94404
Tel: (415) 349-5661

Federal Signal Corp.
13604 S. Western Ave.
Blue Island, IL 60406

Sentry Siren, Incorp.
P.O. Box 386
101 Cottage Lane
Canon City, CO 81212

Kolin Industries, Inc.
59-T2 West Pondfield Road
Bronxville, NY 10708
Tel: (914) 961-5065

Alerting Communicators of America
6603 W. Donges Bay Rd. 104 North
Mequon, WI 53092
Tel: (414) 242-2800

POSSIBLE VENDORS: EMBLEMS, INSIGNIA, ETC.

You might consider one of the following vendors if you are in the market for emblems, insignia, etc.:

Embroidered Emblems
Metal Emblems & Insignia
Uniforma accessories

Decals
Arm Bands
Patches

Denmark's Military Equipment Co.
632-636 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10012
Tel: (212) 677-4332

Screen Art Novelty
1731 East 172nd St.
Bronx, N.Y. 10472
Tel: (212) 842-6112

